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INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD BY POUCH

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SUBJ: VISA RECIPROCITY: PORTS OF ENTRY: AEROFLOT CREWS

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1. MARCH 29 KUSTOV INFORMED CONSOFF THAT MFA WOULD NOT ACCEPT THREE FOR TWO RATION PER PARA 1 REFTEL. HE OFFERED INSTEAD MOSCOW-LENINGRAD FOR WASHINGTON-NEW YORK. CONSOFF SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG, AS IT WOULD REPRESENT ADDITION OF ONE PORT OF ENTRY FOR SOVIET OFFICIALS WHILE PROVIDING NO INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PORTS FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AMEMBASSY AND AMCONSUL LENINGRAD. KUSTOV INDICATED MFA WOULD CONVEY ITS NEGATIVE REPLY AND TWO FOR TWO OFFER BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN NEAR FUTURE. CONSOFF OBSERVED THAT FOR TIME BEING AMEMBASSY WOULD CONTINUE PRESENT PRACTICE AND DESIGNATE ONLY ONE PORT OF ENTRY ON VISAS ISSUED TO SOVIETS IN CATEGORIES UNDER DISCUSSION.

2. KUSTOV THEN RAISED POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT ON AIRCRAFT CREWMEN VISAS ONLY. HE SAID THAT, IF AMEMBASSY WOULD GRANT NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON ALTERNATIVE TO AEROFLOT CREWMEN, MFA
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WOULD GRANT MOSCOW OR LENINGRAD TO PAN AM CREWS. HE INDICATED

HE WAS NOT YET AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT MFA TO TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR VISAS FOR PAN AM CREWMEN AS REQUESTED IN AMEMBASSY'S MARCH 28 NOTE NO 412, BUT WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC HE WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE RESPONSE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. SINCE KUSTOV'S AIRCRAFT CREWMEN PROPOSAL MET PRIMARY DESIRE OF PANAM MOSCOW TO HAVE LENINGRAD ALTERNATIVE ON VISAS FOR USE BY CHARTER CREWS, SINCE KUSTOV INDICATED HE BELIEVED TWO-YEAR PERIOD-OF-VALIDITY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, AND ALSO SINCE NOTATION OF VYBORG ON AIRCRAFT CREWMAN VISA WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS, CONSOFF AGREED. KUSTOV SAID HE WOULD SEND NOTE ABOUT AIRCRAFT CREWMEN IN REPLY TO EMBASSY'S MARCH 28 NOTE. CONSOFF AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY AMEND ANY VALID D VISAS ISSUED AEROFLOT CREWMEN TO SHOW NEW YORK OR DULLES.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS US SIDE WAIT AWHILE BEFORE PURSUING AGAIN THREE FOR TWO PROPOSAL FOR OFFICIAL CATEGORIES PER PARA 1 ABOVE. IF SOVIETS CONTINUE TO REFUSE WE MIGHT CONSIDER ADDITION OF SOME INFREQUENTLY USED LAND POINT SUCH AS PLATTSBURG, NEW YORK TO CREATE THREE FOR THREE RATIO, SATISFYING SOVIETS IN FORM AND US SIDE IN SUBSTANCE.

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